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#### GREAT FEATS ON SKATES.

SHIPS AND LOWERS TWO RECORDS.

A Great Day for the Newburgh Boy and the Manhattan Athletic Club-The Wisner Skated Five Miles in 15:86 2-5, with Simpson Inside the Record, Too-Donoghno's Time for Ten Miles 85:54 8-5-Simpson's Hard Luck-Details,

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Feb. 7.-Joseph F. Donhattan Athletic Club of New York and has just nent, having defeated the crack skaters of Alexander, longing for new worlds to conquer. besides being champion skater of Europe, won the quarter-mile, five-mile, one-mile, and tenmile championships of America within the short space of three hours this morning. And, as if that were not honor enough for one day, Donoghue lowered the five and ten mile records of

The races were held under the auspices of the National Amateur Skating Association of America, and were originally intended to have were notified to be on hand on Friday, but the wind blew from the south, and the sun shone with as much fervor as in a day in May. The ice on the river became yerr soft, and racing was out of the question. Everybody in New-



burgh, which it might be remarked is Kirmess mad at present, hoped that the mercury would take a drop during the night, and the competitors were told to be ready to report at the one of battle, which was a mile or so above the city, at 7 o'clock this morning. About midnight, when the streets were alive with pretty girls and their escorts returning from the Kirmess, the wind veered to the east and the

air became keener. It was then an assured fact that the race would be decided, and all prepared for an early start, for every man, woman, and child in this old town on the hillside skates, and, what is more, skates well. The champion was put be-tween the sheets at 9 o'clock, and he was up before daylight. So was his younger brother Jim, who was also to wear the cherry diamond of the Manhattana. The entire Donoghue family were on their way to the course before family were on their way to the course before 7. and the boys were sliding about tranquilly in their blue trunks, white sweaters, and woollen eaps when the crowd began massing. Fully 2000 persons were present when Clerk of the Course Cornell called the starters for the quarter-mile race with a few shrill toots on a silver whistle. The following finally answered to their names:

part of the cierk of the course and his assistants, the spectators, nine-tenths of whom were on skates, were induced to give the men a clear field.

The six contestants ranged in line, all dressed much in the same style, with no superfluous clothing, and all using the long-reach skate. There has always been considerable rivalry between the Donoghue and Simpson, and it was plain that there would be some great figuring to get the best of the start. Mosher, too, was in it, as he had beaten Joe Donoghue in this event last year. The first time they were called upon to "set" all broke away but Joe Donoghue. The second time Simpson and Jim Donoghue were the offenders. Again the men were crieved to their marks, and once more the luckless Simpson and young Jim went over the line. Joe Donoghue claimed his rights under the rules, and his brother and Simpson suffered disqualification. This left but four to start, and they got away to an even break. It was a pretty race for 150 yards between Donoghue and Mosher, and up to that point there was nothing to choose between the pair. Then that irresistible sweep of the steel-shod feet of the champlon carried him to the van, and half way bome he had a lead of three yards. This he increased to six yards at the end, winning in the very fast time of 37% seconds. Mosher was second, and Munzesheimer a very bad third. Gross was never in the hunt. Jim Donoghue was very sore over his disqualification, but Simpson langhed good naturedly. Mosher holds the record for the distance, skating the quarter in 37% seconds at Washington Lake last year. The champlon was asked how long he wanted to rest before the next race, which was a tive miles, and he replied. "There were seven competitors for the five-miles, champlon was asked how long he wanted to rest before the next race, which was a tive miles, and he replied. "There were seven competitors for the five-miles, champlon was asked how long he wanted to rest before the next race, which was at the wing the champlon was asked how long the wards at

lake last year. The champion was asked how long he wanted to rest before the next race, which was at five miles, and he replied. "Twenty minutes."

There were seven competitors for the five-mile championship, the Donoghues, Simpson, Mosher. Munrahelmer, Gross, and a new-comer named George Risk of Verplanke's Point, N. Y. Father Donoghue took his boys to one side and advised them as to one or two bad spots in the course, and then the aspirants for championship honors lined up, with High at the pole and Joe Donoghue on the outside. When the pistol flashed Hisk was quickest away, and led for twenty-five yards, giving way to Jim Donoghue, who went to the front as though the race was a sprint instead of a contest in which stamina would be fully as essential as peed. The pace told on Jim's stomach in the first quarter of a inite and he was forced to drop to the rear. The champion at once shot out of the bunch and was soon in command of affairs, opening a gap of twenty-five yards at the end of the first half mile. Simpson was second. Mosher third, and Risk brought up the rear, Gross and Mungesheimer dropping out. Hound and round the circle the men sped, their skates curving the lee in timy sprays at every stride. The pace was very fast and the champion led by 100 yards when the lirst mile was skated in \$1.55%. Simpson and Jim Donoghue, within a yard of each other, being second and third. At the end of a mile and a half Mosher took second place, passing Jim Donoghue, within a yard of each other, being second and third. At the end of a mile and a half Mosher took second place, passing Jim Donoghue, within a yard of each other. Deing second and third. At the end of a mile and a half Mosher took second place, passing Jim Donoghue, within a yard of each other. Deing second and third. At the end of a mile and a half Mosher took second place, passing Jim Donoghue, within a yard of lap after lap at the same treess elle, his hands tightly clasped behind his back and his head thrown for ward until her resembled an animated lett

lucky man than Elmer Simpson. Joe sprinted away from the others and won in a gallop by 150 yards in the slow time of 3:02%. It was a great race for the place between Jim Donoghue and Meade. and the former squeezed home by about six inches. The claim was made that Meade had out the corner on the last turn and even had he finished second he would have lost the place.

Old 80 began peeping through the heavy blanket of gray clouds that hung over the river like a pail, and there was little time lost in running off the final race on the programme before the loe became soft. There was barely twenty minutes rest before the Donoghues and Simpson. who were the only starters, were under way. It was apparent from the start that the brothers had arranged to worry Simpson. as they backed, and filled, and tried to make him break the wind for them, skating behind him in Indian file. Several times Simpson turned aside for Joe or Jim to take the lead, but Joe would invariably turn abrupily also, and althoush Jim showed the way for a few laps, he, too, would fall back, and Simpson had to act as pacemaker. Simpson tried to steal away at the end of four miles, but Jim stuck closely to him, his brother droppint back sixty or seventy yards and skating at unmover as the selection of the suck of the leader sinckened his pince at Beanning the sixth miles tween the selection of the selec

Miners Who Struck for More Wasse. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 7.—All the miners employed in all the coal mines along the line of the Louisville, Evansville, and St. Louis Railway between this city and Huntingburg, Ind., with the exception of one mine at Chandler Station, have gone out on a strike. The cause of the trouble is that it is impossible for op-erators who mine their coal by manual labor to compete with machine mining. They were compelled in the face of this competition to reduce the scale of wages, which resulted in a

strike.

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Feb. 7.—The coal miners'
atrike, which was inaugurated here last Tuesday, has come to an end. The operators offered
the men a uniform rate of 1% cents per bushel.

NEWS OF THE RIDING ACADEMIES. Muddy Roads Send Almost All of the Riders to the Rings,

The business at the various riding acade mies still continues to be very good. Road riding has given way somewhat to ring riding on account of the mud along the boulevards. but the time is near at hand when the roads will be used exclusively, as the academies close their rings during the summer and betake The four blood hunters which the Messrs Cohn of the Central Park Academy recent-

rides at this school during the week were all though the latter have fallen off a little. On rode from 8 until 10 o'clock. At 10% o'clock they took carriages from the academy and they took carriages from the academy and drove to their new club house up town, where they had a banquet and dance.

M. Emil and his French method are doing well at the Houlevard Academy. The clubs and classes are doing the best kind of work, and everything is running smoothly.

At Philip Hexamer's Hoboken Academy the weekly club and class rides were well patronized last week. The music ride was one of the most successful of the season. The road classes which Mr. Hexamer has on the boulevards mognings did some excellent riding last week. classes which Mr. Hexamer has on the boulevards mernings did some excellent riding last
week.

Everything at the Dickel Academy is running smoothly, and Mr. Dickel says that the
business is at its best. The clubs and classes
which make this popular establishment their
headquarters are doing creditable work. The
music ride last week was well attended.

It is estimated that more people rode at Durlance's Academy last week than during any
other week this sea-on.

Harlem people seem to be more enthusiastic
over riding than down-town folks. At the three
big Harlem academies, the Belmont, the West
End, and the Fifth Avenue, business has been
enormous. At the Belmont the rides were unusually well attended especially those on the
roads. At the West End little out of the regular
routine work was done. There were good
crowds at all the rides, however, and especially
at the weekly music ride. At the Fifth Avenue Academy the Columbia Ciub did some
good practice work on Thursday evening. This
club is ranidly making itself famous. Its officers are Charles T. Krauss, President: Mr.
Friedlander, Vice-Iresident: Mr. inbenstein,
Becretary, and Charles Kranich. Treasurer.

Great Distress in Nebraska. PITTEBURGH, Feb. 7.—R. S. Smith. President of the Union National Bank, has received a letter from a friend, who is a missionary of the American Sunday School Union, at Benkleman, neighborhood. It says: "Last Tuesday more than 200 destitute people came to my home saking for something to eat and wear. Some feet tied up in gunnysacks. Two young men had no shirts, nothing but their coats and had no shirts, nothing but their coats and overalls. It is terrible. Your gift will be used to pay for a car of flour if I can get enough more to purchase it. Interest your friends in behalf of these poor starving people, placed in this destitute condition through no fault of theirs, but on account of the drouth, which destroyed the crops. I have a car of coal on hand, which will help much; but flour must be had, or the suffering from hunger will be intense."

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DEMAREST'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES. The Assemblyman's Connection With the

NYACE, Feb. 7.—Since financial troubles have surrounded Assemblyman Frank P. Demarest all sorts of rumors concerning his connection with the estate of the late Garrett Storms have been afloat. Investigation, wherever inquiry can now be made, shows a curious state of affairs, in which sixteen heirs are interested. Just how the Assemblyman is involved will be shown by a rehearsal of the story. Many years ago Garrett Storms, a New York city carman who had acquired a handsome

mpetence, retired from business and sought seclusion and rest on a farm between Mont terday. It is as follows: Moor and Valley cottage, in Clarkstown, near Demarest's home. Old "Uncle Garry," as by his friends and relatives to be worth not became decidedly eccentric, and many of his heirs assert that at the time of his death. which occurred on July 4, 1888, he was not of sound mind. Demarest was the old man's Storms was 82 years old when he died, and

he bequeathed the homestead and \$3,000 to his adopted daughter. Mrs. Ellen Parsons, and property in Leroy street, New York city, valued at \$40,000, to her two daughters. At the same time Demarest induced the old man to deed for \$1 the Leroy street houses to Mrs. Parsons's daughters. Subsequently the old man disputed having ever given such a deed. The other heirs claim that Demarest's motive was to secure to Mrs. Parsons's daughters the property in the event of a contest of the will. Under the same will the personal property of Mr. Slorms, consisting of Government bonds, stocks, bonds, and mortgages, was to be divided between sixteen nephews and nieces. Mrs. Parsons was named as executrix, and she retained Demarcet as her lawyer.

To this day no hoir has any definite idea as to the value of the personal property. Nor can there be any judicial settlement for some time to come because of other complications. By announcing neglect to officially advertise for claims against the estato. Demarcet secured an additional delay of six months. Then when the interested parties appeared on citation in the Rockland (County burrogate's Court for final settlement the personal estate was produced in the shape of a bundle of securities. Bill. the question is, what are those securities worth? One heir asserts that Demarcst once said they were worth \$40,000. Supervisor A. K. Fallon of Orangetown and John H. Smith of Mont Moor were appointed appraisers, and to them Mrs. Parsons and Demarcst exhibited securities worth \$40,000. Supervisor from Clarkstown. Demarcst had the personal estate of Mr. Storms assessed at \$18,000, and so it now stands on the assessment book and Mrs. Parsons pays thereon a tax of \$140 per annum.

All the sixteen heirs are now howling for an explanation of these discrepancies between \$10,000 and \$70,000, and are turning to the "Little Giant" as the only man who knows anything about it. The last report, a day or two ago, to one of the heirs, was that only \$1,000 now remained to be divided. That would be \$60.66 apiece. while Demarcst own entries on the nasces property in Lorov street. New York city, valued at \$40,000, to her two daughters. At the same

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The adjourned session of the Rockland county formed floors of the Rockland county for a host of witnesses in the Union Steamboat Company cases, in which Demarces is charged with forgery, and wherein he admitted embezzlement by making restitution to the amount of \$7,560,90.

In an interview with a Haversiraw Messender reporter this week Demarces denied all criminality, and his friends are boldly asserting that he will not be indicated. That he still has influence in Albany is shown by the recent appointment of his little brother-in-law J. V. Knapp, to be an Assembly page, and the fact that Benator-elect. Hill is to take the boy to Washington with him. Demarcest now says positively that he will not resign his cent in the Assembly.

New Haven, Feb. 7.—This city is awaiting. with more than usual interest, the production of the Greek play, by well-known society wo-men, shortly after Easter. The undertaking profits of the venture will be given to Yale for students. The rehearsnis of the play were begun last fall, and have been carried on every week since. This morning the first full re-hearsal took place at the Hyperion, under the direction of Mr. Sargent of New York. terday. It is as follows:

Creon. King of Thebes Mrs. Dr. Chapman
Hannon. son of Creon. Mise Richards
Telresias. a seer Mrs. Mary Johnstone
Mise Bessie Besch
Mise Bessie Besch

Telresian a seer Mrs. Mary Johnstone Gand.

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Hiss Bossie Beach
First Messenger Mrs. Charles B. De Forrest
Baccold Messenger Mrs. Charles B. De Forrest
Bacyolis, wife of Green.

Miss Chira. H. G. Thompson.

Daughters of Keipus | Antigone. Mrs. H. G. Thompson.

Jimmone. Miss Jean Pardes
Chorus of Theban Elders—Miss Wison. Mrs. A. G. B.

Richarda, Mrs. Fummer, Mrs. Blinn, Mms. Certel, Miss
Kellogg, Miss Farvent, Miss Bassett, Miss Rausch, Miss
Pardes, Miss Murray, Miss Crotty, Miss Woolsoy,
Chorus of Maldens—Miss Cannait, Miss Lindsley, Miss
Ingersoli, Mrs. Rowland, Miss Cannait, Miss Lindsley, Miss
Ingersoli, Mrs. Rowland, Miss Jessie Brown, Miss Witherspoon.

Miss Ohnsteck, Miss Webster, Miss Dutton, Miss Salivan,
Miss Ohnsteck, Miss Webster, Miss Dutton, Miss Whit
ney, Miss Bicharda, Miss Hassett. ney. Miss Sicharda, Miss Statist.

It has been given out that no men will be allowed to attend the production of "Antigone." but it is thought that this is mere talk invented to make the male sex curious. Already applications for a sufficient number of tickets has been made to assure a large house at every performance, and delegations from Harvard, Columbia, and Princeton are expected to be present.

Charles S. Boyd. who conducted an out-of-town office for Green & Bateman, stock brokers, recovered judgment against the firm for his share of commissions, which, he alleged, the firm had agreed to divide with him. Arthur R. Bateman (the firm of Bateman & Co. being now insolvent) was to have been examined in supplementary proceedings touching the whereabouts of his assets, but after one postponement failed to appear. Weekes Brothers, counsel for Boyd, have obtained an order to Bateman to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt. The order is returnable to-morrow before Judge Freedman. his share of commissions, which, he alleged,

Contempt Proceedings Against A. E. Bate-

The receiver of the North River Bank returned to the Clearing House sesterday the \$40,000 in Clearing House certificates taken out just before the bank suspended. With the restoration of this amount all the certificates issued during the financial troubles have been returned. At one time the total amount was in the neighborhood of \$17.000,000.

John M. Ward Sails for England. John M. Ward, the ball player, sailed for Liverpool in the Umbria yesterday. It is intimated by friends of the famous short stop that one object of his visit to England is to effect a reconciliation with Helen Dauvray, who is in London. Ward intends to return about the middle of March.

Dr. Edward Eggleston was also a passonger in the Umbria. THE RIT-KAT CLUB.

at This Year to be for Benefit of the Life Class The annual public entertainment of the Kit-Kat Club has been arranged for the evenings of Feb. 16 and 17 at the Berkeley Lyceum Theatre. Formerly these entertainments were given for charity. Now, however, for the first time, the Kit-Kats are going to apply the proceeds of the sale of tickets to their own use, to These classes were founded to meet an urgent opportunities to study from the living model. ings and for Sunday afternoons. The attendance has increased from twenty-three to fiftyseven within a few months, and J. H. Dolph,
the Fresident of the club, says it has become
necessary to provide for the continuance of the
classes by some outside means, as the expenses are not covered by the fees, which vary,
or are omitted entirely, according to the student's ability to pay.

The programme arranged for the exhibition
next week includes cleven tableaux in charge
of well-known artists, as follows; "A Dortrecht Milkmaid." C. S. Turner; "Franz Haisand "Velasquez." William M. Chase; "The
Angel of Prayer," Walter Natterlee; "Opbella."
J. Carrol Beckwith: "The Amateur Photographer." J. Wells Champney: "A Marriage
Under the Directory," Percy Moran: "A Greek
Scuiptor," Olin S. Warner; "Francesca da
Rimini." Leon Moran; "The Death of Minnehabs, "W. L. Dodge, and "The Deiuge." by the
Kit-Kat Club.

The various characters will be represented
by friends of the artists, and their names will
not be disclosed. But it is asid that in several
tableaux the faces of society belies will be recoggized, notably in "A Marriage Under the
Directory." ance has increased from twenty-three to fifty-

The Gibbs Scalping Party. The Gibbs men whipped the Cowie men as usual at the Republican primaries in the Thirteenth district, and, as usual, the Republican County Committee is going to turn the Gibbs any evidence to do it on. The sinful say that all the evidence that is necessary is Gibbs's acquaintanceship with Ham Fish and hostility to Platt. But it is usual to hear witnesses on subjects foreign to these, such as the regu-larity of the election and the qualifications of larity of the election and the qualifications of the voters whose votes were received, and the sub-committee of the County Committee, James A. Blanchard presiding, sat vesterday afternoon at 269 Eighth avenue to hear.

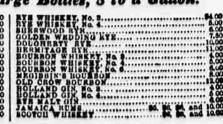
Henry Clinton Backus and James K. Duffy represented the Gibbs faction, and Henry L. Sprague and E. J. Tinsdale appeared for the Cowio party. The wicked Gibbs was present with Police Justice Meade and a number of his followers, and ex-Alderman James A. Cowio took a back seat.

The committee secured the minute books and the roll book of the organization, and directed that, at the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday evening, the original pledges be produced.

Mr. Gibbs remarked that he supposed that the opposition wanted to show that there were names on the original pledges which were not in the roll book. Mr. Sprague reforted that they intended to prove that names on the "original pledges" had been written by some one else than the original signers in the roll book.

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